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KUWAIT ANNOUNCES MINORITY REBUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

WASHINGTON, DC — The Government of Kuwait has formally expressed its commitment to ensure that minority business enterprises in the United States will be able to actively participate in the rebuilding of war-torn Kuwait, according to the Commerce Department's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).

MBDA Director Joe Lira said the action represents "the first giant step to ensure that U.S. minority businesses have a fair and equitable opportunity to assist in the reconstruction of Kuwait."

"This level of commitment by Kuwait indicates that the efforts of MBDA's Gulf Reconstruction Task Force are generating positive results," Lira said. MBDA's Gulf Reconstruction Task Force was established to promote business opportunities for American minority firms in the Persian Gulf. The Gulf Reconstruction Task Force provides minority firms with regular updates on key business contacts and government reconstruction opportunities. This information is then forwarded to MBDA's regional and district offices, as well as the agency's nationwide network of more than 107 Minority Business Development Centers to facilitate minority business participation in Gulf reconstruction efforts. MBDA's Gulf Reconstruction Task Force has line telephone number is (202) 377-1962.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO MEDIATE PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Human Relations Commission, which has organized the Martin Luther King Jr. week celebration in recent years, now has another way of promoting harmony in the city.

The mayor, Harold Mitchell, has requested that the commission mediate a series of public hearings on police and public relations.

The chairman, of the commission, Dan Morgan said that through the hearings he hopes the commission can address the public's concerns as well as start a positive dialogue between the law enforcement department and the citizenry. The commission also will set out to educate the public of the different channels available to them if they feel the local authorities are not giving them enough information.

Morgan said that there is a misconception that the commission was just set up because of the recent incidents involving the public and the department. One of the purposes of the commission has always been to promote racial harmony, with events such as MLK week and other programs. We have been around for a long time.

The group consists of volunteers who are not on the city's payroll, who just want to be involved in the community and want to help make Plainfield a

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D'Alessio's vendetta' unlawful, say cops

by Ronald Strothers

NEWARK — Essex County Executive Thomas D'Alessio is waging an illegal "vendetta" to effectively abolish the Essex County Police Department (ECPD), claim some of its member who are protesting the recent actions of the County Executive.

The prosecutors claim D'Alessio's actions are unlawful because, statutorily, the County Executive has no jurisdiction over the Essex County Police Department.

Should the official succeed in his plan to discharge 100 ECPD officers on May 10 and combine the remainder of what would be a severely depleted force with the Essex County Sheriff's Department, practically speaking the de-

partment would no longer exist, say the policemen.

Twenty-two officers have already been let go, with conspiracy surrounding the firings because 12 received written notice nine days before termination, in violation of the 45 day requirement. A civil suit has been filed on their behalf in Superior Court.

Adding to the conflict is the specter of racism, which, combined with the political hard ball being played, would strike a death blow to the minority on the force.

Of the 35 superior officers in the ECPD prior to the lay offs, four were black and one Hispanic, but three of the black officers were caught in the gullotine. The fourth is expected to suffer the same fate if the campaign the ECPD says

D'Alessio is waging prevails.

D'Alessio has defended his plan with the claim that the ECPD is an unnecessary budgetary burden since the department duplicates the efforts of the Sheriff's Department. Not so, says the ECPD.

Richard Koonitz, a black senior member of the ECPD, explained the Sheriff's Department has three duties: transporting prisoners, maintaining order in Essex County Courts, and serving subpoenas.

"Contractually speaking," said Koonitz, "the Sheriff's Department consists of 9-40-5 and weekends off."

The Superior Officer also said the Bureau of Narcotics, which is overseen by the Sheriff's Department and works the same hours, is therefore handicapped in attempting to perform its duty inasmuch as nights and weekends constitute prime time in drug trafficking.

The job description for the

Sheriff's Department, says Koonitz, clearly differs from the duties of county policemen, whose job is to patrol county parks, properties and buildings and assist other law enforcement agencies as needed.

Battle lines have been drawn and one group solidly in support of the ECPD is Local 54 of the Policemen's Benevolent Association. In a 3-page letter dated March 26 to Prosecutor Herbert Tate asking him to assume the daily supervi-

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Morheuser takes QEA battle to Plainfield

by Denise M. German

PLAINFIELD — A long time advocate of quality education for the urban poor, presented her views of the Quality Education Act, last Monday evening at the Plainfield Public Library.

Murieta Morheuser, who is often referred to as the "best friend" of New Jersey's children has dealt with the question of quality education since February of 1981.

"New Jersey is second nationwide in income wealth, but 37th in expenditures for education. The state has failed to provide the type of education to provide these children (the 30 poorest school districts where 80% of the children are African American and Hispanic. These 30 districts educate more than 266,000 youth each year, but under QEA 1 only received 5.2% of the needed school aid monies, which the 108 wealthiest school districts re-

ceived 15% of the QEA money.

The education advocate believes that one of the problems with QEA was the way it was introduced to the public. "It was introduced before the Abbott v. Burke decision (which contained proof of the state's inability to treat the poorer districts like the wealthier ones) came down in a atmosphere where the public was already angry with other programs that the governor had just implemented." People had ill minds on the other issues and were angry, and sometimes angry people do not listen.

The basic principle the court found in the Abbott v. Burke case was that "A thorough and efficient education requires such level of education as will enable all students to function as citizens and workers in the same society, and that necessarily means that in poorer urban districts something more must be added to the regular

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From Left: Washington Commons Development Corporation (WCDC) co-chairperson, Elizabeth B. Tate; Newark Mayor Sharpe James and WCDC chairman, Henry Block; and a group of people at the City's James Street Commons Initiative Planning during a recent meeting in City Hall.

Sacrifice, struggle and new era for Haiti

by Owen McKinney & Letita McDowell (NDPA) News Service

WASHINGTON, DC — "Our people are hungry for participation; hungry for justice. We have dearly paid the price for both with our blood."

That passionate message was delivered recently by Father Antoine Adrien, a leader of the Haitian movement which swept into a new government that, for the first time in more than a century, was chosen by the people.

Adrien, a Catholic priest and close advisor to Haiti's new president, Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, visited the United States re-

cently. He conducted a series of meetings with U.S. state department officials and members of Congress to press his nation's desire for assistance in building the fledgling new democracy.

The election last February of Aristide, a popular priest and grassroots activist, ended three decades of brutal dictatorial rule in the world's oldest Black republic.

Adrien, who is quick to point out that he is a private citizen, played an active role in the movement which was supported by the poor, grassroots and forgotten sectors of the Haitian society (Continued on page 10)

Mayors Brown, Dinkins speak out in support of census suit

ORANGE—Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange joins Mayor David N. Dinkins of New York at a press conference, Wednesday April 3, 1991 announcing the addition of ten U.S. cities to the 1988 lawsuit against the Department of Commerce calling for a statistical adjustment in the 1990 Census count thus bringing the list of plaintiffs to 23.

"Experts project some five million people have been undercounted with the last census report. It is estimated that some 50% of the five million have been African American. Some describe the last census as the worst in history. This undercount will result in the loss of millions of dollars to cities like Orange with in the next ten years as well as the loss of political representation with in various voting districts."

In short the census undercount results in millions of uncounted black votes and millions of dollars in federal funding lost," commented Mayor Brown during

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Speaking out on the census are Mayors Michael Steel of Irvington, Mayor David Dinkins of New York and Mayor Robert Brown of Orange

Black women now fastest growing group in politics according to Joint Center research

Annual dinner salutes black women in politics
Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon delivers keynote

WASHINGTON, DC — In electoral politics, black women now constitute the fastest growing group, according to information compiled over the past two decades by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.

"The increase over two decades in the number of blacks winning election to public office is a real success story," said the Joint Center's president, Eddie N. Williams. "An even bigger success story is the rising level of achievement among black women in politics."

The achievements of black women in winning elective office was the focus of the Joint Center's salute to blackwomen in politics at its annual dinner on April 9, 1991. Two of the nation's most prominent black women in politics were featured on the program.

D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon delivered the keynote address, and Congresswoman Cardiss Collins (D-Ill.), the dean of the women's contingent in the Congressional Black Caucus, offered greetings and remarks.

The election of mayors Sharon Pratt Dixon of Washington, DC and Carrie Perry in Hartford has brought black women into the

arena of big city leadership. These and other highly visible accomplishments are the leading edge of advances being won by black women at all levels of politics," said Williams.

Since 1970, the overall number of blacks elected to local, county, state, and congressional offices has increased nearly fivefold. During this same period, the number of black women holding elective office has multiplied by 15, from 131 to 1,950 officials. Thus, women have not only increased their numbers, they have also increased their share of political offices held. In 1970, only one out of every 12 black elected officials was a woman; today one out of four is a woman.

In 1970, there were only 131 black women holding any kind of elective office; today, there are almost that many — 115 — in state legislatures alone. There has been a recent upsurge in the number of black women serving in state legislatures. In 1976, there were just 38. As of early 1990, that figure had grown to 96 — 78 state house or assembly members and 18 senators. And the numbers are still growing: in the 1990 elections, 33

of the 70 blacks newly elected to state legislatures were women.

The growth in political office-holding among black women is likely to continue in the foreseeable future, according to the Joint Center, because of two factors: more black women are moving into politics and more are moving up within the political structure.

Women are now about 37 percent of all BEO's holding positions on school boards, which are traditionally "entry-level" political positions. It is likely, therefore, that many of these women will move up to higher levels of office over time.

Black women also are developing stronger, more influential bases on which to build their political careers. More black women are moving into positions of greater influence within the elected bodies on which they serve. In California, for example, State Senator Diana Watson and Assemblyperson Gwen Hughes chair the committees on Health and Human Services and on Utilities and Commerce, respectively. In Alabama, the chair of the Committee on the Constitution and Elections is State Representative

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CITY PEOPLE



March Incentive Award winners receive \$250 each for their outstanding civic involvement and accomplishments: From left, Mayor Sharpe James; Carl Hazel; PTA president at Lincoln Street School; Carissa Ransom, honor student at Maple Avenue Annex; Dana McCoy, volunteer; and Vera Davis, Community Food Bank volunteer.



City of Newark Police Director Claude Coleman and City Clerk, Robert Marasco shown with three officers who were recently sworn in to the Newark Police Department. From left: Officer Joseph Juliano, Officer Brian Johnson, Officer Anthony Iannello, Coleman, and Marasco.

Career Development Seminar

IRVINGTON — Automated Management Service presents the "New Life Concepts Series" of Workshops, Seminars and Free Clinics to be given on April 23. The event will be held in the Gold Room at Irvington Manor 43 Washington Avenue, Irvington from 7:00 p.m.

The main lecture will be given by professionals who possess an extensive knowledge and background in all areas of life.

In 1991, incision will have an effect on all of our lives in one way or another. Therefore, we must carefully plan our fu-

ture. There will be a special lecture on "Financial Planning and Community Wealth" headed by New York's Beverly Davis, Multi-Level Marketing Specialist. Also included in the clinic are vendors from the Metropolitan Area. Discounts will be offered by several vendors.

For further information or to purchase a ticket contact Linda Onyiah at 706-9599 between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Deadline for all vendors or organizations who want to participate is April 18, 1991.

HONOR A HERO! Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. U.S.A.F. (Ret.), National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) Lifetime Achievement Award, second from left, joins supporters during the awards dinner reception at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. With him are, from left, George Knox III, Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., who made the presentation, Clarence Smith, President, Morris Communications, Augustus F. Hawkins, recently retired U.S. Representative from Los Angeles and the Hon. Percy Sutton, former Chairman, Inner City Broadcasting. Davis commanded the heroic 332nd Fighter Group — the Tuskegee Army during World War II and later became the first Black to become a General in the U.S. Air Force. An association of 300 Black-owned radio and television stations, NABOB also honored: Sutton, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA); retired U.S. Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins; Ms. Suzanne de Passis; Tom Draper and A. G. Gaston.



A smiling Sergeant Florida Butler with her daughter, Ashley, was recently welcomed home from the Persian Gulf by Newark Mayor Sharpe James. Butler, a Sergeant in the United States Air Force was presented with the Distinguished Citizens Award and a key to the city by the Mayor. Butler is trained in Nuclear Biological Chemical Warfare which involves operating chemical equipment, administering antidotes, and handling national disasters. Butler will be returning to California where she is currently stationed.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Education Public Hearing and Adoption of 1991-92 Budget.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Education Executive Session, Mason at 6:30 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—Infant care classes at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. For information call 308-688-2333.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ENGLEWOOD—The African American Doll Club of New York and New Jersey will sponsor a Trip to Aunt Len's Doll and Toy Museum and Lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant in New York. Depart Englewood Public Library. Fee \$30. For information call 201-568-4709.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

JERSEY CITY—"Heaven's Above" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. It is part of a ten-part series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hoboken Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

MILLBURN—Cancer Care will host its Third Annual Gala "Festival of Distraction" at Sheraton Tara Parsippany. For more information call 201-379-7500.

MILLBURN—Thrift and Consignment Shop at Junior League of Oranges and Short Hills is having annual "Spring Fling Brochure Sale," 9-4:30 p.m., 105 Main Street. Sale is also on 26 and 28. For information call 376-0048.

MORRISTOWN—"Animals," It's Their World Too! a three day conference at Headquarters Plaza Hotel. For information call 201-927-5611.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

PLAINFIELD—Super Spring Rummage Sale, United Church of Christ at 7 &

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by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

I Dig You, Baby!

A Conversation:

Him: "Hiya doin', baby? My name's Bill. What's your name?"
Her: "That's none of your business."

Him: "Why you want to act like that? I was just trying to be friendly."

Her: "I saw you over there staring at me. You act just like some money player. You probably approach every woman the same way that you approached me. I don't appreciate it."
"O.K. I apologize but I figured that you were kind of standoffish and I didn't know exactly how to approach you. I figured that you wanted somebody who was acting like you didn't want to be bothered."

"I sure was. If I acted aggressive, you would have played a game with me. You would have thought that I was hard-off and was looking for a man."

"But, baby, you probably are looking for a man just like I'm looking for a lady. If we keep playing these games, we never will meet anybody."

"Yeah, and if we don't play these games, other people will take us for granted and will think that we are too plain or that we are a bore."

"Let's be honest, neither one of us is really being our real selves. We are acting. Playing a role."

"Since you admitted it, I'll also be honest. I am actually in warm, loving lady who has not hurt many times. I really am afraid to let men know how soft I really am, or what I truly want in

a man."

"Why?"
"Because no man wants a woman who is too nice or too easy to get."

"What kind of man do you want?"

"I want a man who is gentle, sweet, and quiet. I don't want a playboy who is just going to go after every woman he sees. Tell me about yourself. What kind of woman do you want?"

"I am actually kind of shy, but I try to hide my shyness by acting like a big time playboy. It is all a big act. A game. I want a shy, quiet, sweet woman. I don't want a woman who acts like to cut out on me. But no woman wants a shy man."

"That's not true. Every woman friend of mine wants a quiet, sweet man. But every man tries to come on like a playboy. You are right, though, when you say that no woman wants a man who makes you think that no other woman wants him. A woman goes excited if she knows other women are looking at her man."

"You see. We basically feel the same way but we play games with each other. I don't want a woman who acts like to cut out on me. But no woman wants a shy man who is so out-going that she acts like she wants to go to bed with every man she sees."

"We can't be too aggressive and we can't be too shy. What can we be? What can we do?"

"We can be ourselves with each other. This time, let's not play games with each other. I like you. What did you say your name is?"

READERS: If you would like to receive information that will show you how to make your relationship work, send a stamped, self-addressed, legal sized envelope to me at P.O. Box 50197, Washington, DC 20004. Let Dr. Faulkner know that you read his column weekly in CITY NEWS.

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Leonard Coleman

Of the philosophies and descriptions Len Coleman uses to characterize himself, one is conspicuous — "conservative."

The 42-year-old Montclair native is a Senior Vice President of the Boys and Girls Club of Newark. Director of the Bishop Tutu Scholarship Fund, and Chairman of the One-to-One program.

A high school football All-American from Montclair High, the former halfback, along with past professional stars Franco Harris and Jack Tatum, comprised the 1967 All State backfield. He was the first African-American to score a touchdown for Princeton University, lived in Kenya four years, and worked as a Management Consultant for 17 years on the African continent.

For some, these words and credentials might depict the trappings of conservatism, appearing to have been wrought more from an Ivy League mindset than the earthly pragmatism he preaches.

The problem comes with the Lester Bowie Principal: The jazz trumpeter said, "The real revolutionary is one who isn't apparent."

While Len Coleman's success is as apparent as a 2 Live Crew concert at Mormon headquarters, and may or may not draw a conservative portrait, his prescription for the myriad woes of African-Americans speaks to radical action needed on the part of his people and is not so clearly seen.

"We have to get into the economic mainstream," he notes. "There has to be a balance

We need to be involved in more boards of directors...and we have to continue to strengthen minority institutions.



between the public sector and the private sector, especially in the Northeast. Atlanta provides a visible example. It's a pure fact that minority businesses hire minority people.

"And you still cannot down play racism," he continued. "That obviously is a major factor. As a group we have to pressure the system. It just doesn't happen. People don't yield power voluntarily."

The "conservative" tag is clearly a misnomer. The harnessed passion with which he speaks underscores the pressing call to action he makes to black America.

"We need to be involved in more boards of directors," he says. "And we have to continue to

strengthen minority institutions. That's why the City News is so important. You have to have your own media."

Translated, African-Americans must portray their own images and preferences. The fact that for many this piece is an introduction to Len Coleman is proof of that necessity. From page fame left Len soon after those glory days of 1967, although success continued to be a companion.

It is not the front page he focuses on, however. That is not where board decisions are found, or where stocks are bought and sold, or where quarterly profits are revealed. And it is not where the Len Colemans, sons football stars, are found.

The Randall Cunninghams and Majors Johnsons are not accidental, and neither is Len Coleman. "Every step you take in life is because someone has influenced you," the father of three offers. "As a society and as a race we must go in and mentor and share ourselves (with young people)."

City News is proud to have Len Coleman as its first recipient of the City News Eagle award recognizing the contributions of positive role models in the community. The increased spotlight on those stars among us who do not pack the Meadowlands will increase the chances of more African-Americans appearing on the boards of directors which Len believes is necessary for progress.

When that happens, it will be anything but the result of conservatism.

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P.A.C. points the way to change in South Africa

by Daniel Maroun

(NNPA) — Nelson Mandela's release from prison last year has not brought about change in South Africa. Rather, South Africa has been plunged into political complexity and confusion. Even the promised start of the constitutional negotiations in earnest in 1991 seems also to be a pipe dream. It is fast drawing to its end with no sign of the beginning of the promised constitutional negotiations between the African leaders and the regime of

President F.W. de Klerk.

The black-white negotiations for which Mandela was released to participate in have floundered, and an ominous shadow prevails. On March 21 at the United Nations, the U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid commemorated the Sharpeville Massacre of 1960 in which 69 P.A.C. peaceful demonstrators were gunned down by the Police for protesting the "Pass Laws."

Speaking at the commemoration for P.A.C., S.E. Phoko, told the attendees, later that, a negotiated settlement of the South

African racial problem would only be possible under the following conditions:

- There has to be majority rule.
- The land and natural resources have to be redistributed.
- A non-racial Constituent Assembly has to be established.
- South Africa has to be treated as a unitary state.

Proceeding, Phoko pointed out that it was anomalous that Whites, 13% of the population, have grabbed 83% of the country's land area, leaving only 13%

of the most arid parts to the blacks, who make up 80% of the country's population. "There is no way," Phoko said, "apartheid can be dismantled, and colonialism destroyed without redressing this economic imbalance."

Further, Phoko said, P.A.C. has also approached Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi to mediate, so that there can be peace among the oppressed (blacks). P.A.C., he said, has also made efforts for the formation of a United (Black) Patriotic Front of all organizations of the oppressed. He went on to stress that:

- Only Africans should be vehicles for change, not the regime.
- Since apartheid cannot be reformed, it must be demolished.
- The arms struggle must be encouraged as a political weapon.

"The dispossessed people," Phoko said, "must never exchange their land and usurped national sovereignty for mere release of political prisoners and exile to a bigger jail called 'old' or 'new' South Africa."

Concerning the return and indemnity of prisoners and exiles, Phoko said emotionally, "The question of indemnity for political prisoners and exiles: by a regime that has committed the

crime of apartheid and genocide, must be totally rejected. It is the dispossessed people of Azania who must consider indemnifying the perpetrators of the crime of apartheid against humanity, when apartheid has been dismantled and consigned to the dustbin of history."

Concluding, Phoko said, "Political prisoners and exiles can only be returned to a situation that has changed fundamentally and irreversibly, not to the same racist colonial situation they had left behind when they were sent to prison or exile for the liberation of their country."

Finally, on March 23, Benny Alexander, P.A.C.'s Secretary-General, stopped in New York City on his educational tour to Massachusetts University, to brief his colleagues on the latest developments in South Africa. Benny Alexander underscored all the points Phoko had stressed at the U.N. two days earlier. Then he went on to say that P.A.C. was currently well received in South Africa, and was establishing branches everywhere. He wondered, why violence still continued after the Mandela-Buthelezi peace accord. He added that

P.A.C. would not be involved in violence. "Instead," he said, "we wrote to Buthelezi and Mandela to end their conflict."

Referring to the economic sanctions against South Africa, Alexander said that they "must stay until there was irreversible change." He also mooted that the impending conference of black organizations to form a Patriotic Front would be held in Harare, not Johannesburg, "for obvious reasons."

May P.A.C.'s moves towards democratization be met with success...

D'Alessio's 'vendetta' unlawful, say cops

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sion of the ECPD, PBA President Timothy Smith made a number of complaints about D'Alessio.

One charge was that the Executive threatened to "destroy all members of this department and their families."

On March 9 and 10 during St. Patrick's Day parades through Newark, Nutley, and West Orange, "Patrol units were removed from their patrol duties and ordered to participate in both parades," Smith also stated.

Another citation by Smith accused D'Alessio of endangering the safety of the department's officers by placing them on solo foot patrol in high crime areas. Prior to D'Alessio's move, officers were dispatched to those areas by car in two-man teams.

While this conflict may be primarily a political and legal struggle, Koontz, Newark Mayor Sharpe James, and other men and women of color are particularly at odds with D'Alessio in light of the overwhelming African-American support given to the official. "Sixteen of the 22 towns in Essex County voted against D'Alessio," Koontz said. "The predominantly black districts got him in."

Mayor James served as D'Alessio's campaign manager during the former Essex County Sheriff's successful bid to become County Executive.

Koontz also noted the non-committal posture of county Democratic Chairman, Ray Durkin, calling him "Silent Sam."

Koontz added, however, Black Area Churchmen back ECPD's position, as do the towns of Irvington, Orange, Verona, Newark and Bloomfield.

A 23-year veteran and member of the Shields of Honor and Batons police associations, Koontz said those township laws (if the ECPD is dismantled) their duties would have to be performed by local police, who would be unable to assume the added workload.

Koontz is adamant in his argument against D'Alessio's claim the ECPD is a tax burden.

"He's doing this under the pretense he can save the taxpayers money," the sergeant said, and cited the financial success of the weight team on which he formerly served.

The weight team is a group of ECPD officers who investigate whether haulers exceed the maximum weight they are licensed to carry. Violators are assessed \$100 for every 1,000 pounds they are found to be over the limit.

There were 16 men on the team, which was divided into smaller units. Koontz disclosed that in 1987 his 4-man unit collected \$1,066,000, and told of an individual fine of \$7,500.

"That money went into the county coffers," he stated. The weight team has been slashed to three men and Koontz feels that is more evidence of a plot to undermine the necessity for having the ECPD.

Koontz challenged D'Alessio's claim that eliminating the department could save taxpayers \$3.4 million. Koontz said prior to "downsizing" revenues generated by the weight team nearly made the ECPD self-sufficient.

The ECPD, formerly the Park Police, was created in 1979, but without definite guidelines as to its role, Koontz said.

D'Alessio took office January 1 of this year.

Black women

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Bobbie McDowell, in Michigan, Representative Toola Hunter is chair of the Economic Development and Energy Committee and speaker pro tempore of the state house.

Moreover, black women are further strengthening their political positions by assuming greater power within their local, state, and national party structures. In Texas, for example, black women are the Democratic party committee-women in eight districts.

Black women hold half of the seats on the black caucus of the Democratic National Committee and have thereby gained equal ac-

cess with black men to the levers of power within their national party. Thus, in their national party as well, black women are in a position to realize even greater advances in the future. Williams concluded, "The impressive political achievements of black women reflect their long-standing prominent role within the black community and their outstanding commitment to public service. As black Americans continue to expand their role in the nation's political mainstream, black women are becoming a highly visible and increasingly influential part of their leadership."

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Editorial

Forty years later

Separate But Equal, the televised General Motors sponsored dramatic presentation, was a superb portrayal of the Brown V. The Topeka Board of Education historic ruling which led to the desegregation of schools. More than that, it was an inspiring portrayal of black people who had the desire and commitment to accomplish a better education for their children and thus a better life. They were determined to make the system work for them under adverse conditions not least of which was lack of money.

Separate But Equal showed how one man, Thurgood Marshall had a vision of how things should be and motivated others to take up the cause. Persistence, an uncompromising faith in the philosophy that all men are created equal and action—actions directed at equality in education denied for 300 years—fueled the fire of progress in 1952.

In 1991, more than one-third of our children live in poverty, one-fourth of our boys are in jail, education is at an all-time low in schools ostensibly run by blacks in cities with black mayors and black councilmen. This is not to place the blame. It is to say that our resources have increased significantly yet our educational achievement has regressed almost in the same proportion.

In light of today's situation, the lesson from *Separate But Equal* should be that one person's determination can make a difference; that we need and should support strongly organizations like the NAACP in order for them to continue to fight for equal rights; that organizations like the NAACP must refuse on championing the struggle for equal rights as opposed to dimers and receptions; and that our great minds—educators, philosophers, preachers, businessmen, parents, students—all black folk must be persistent, have an uncompromising belief in the equality of man and have the willingness to perform the actions necessary to rekindle the fire of progress in 1991.

Voters sought for April School elections

TRENTON—The New Jersey School Boards Association is urging Garden State voters to participate in the 1991 Annual School Election on Tuesday, April 30.

Voters will elect members of their local boards of education and will approve or reject school district budgets for 1991-92 on that day. The election will take place in approximately 550 of the state's 604 local school districts.

Mario J. Gangi, NJSEA president, pointed out the far-reaching impact that local boards of education have on the education process in New Jersey.

"School board members have a direct effect on the spirit and character of the American education system," said Gangi. "Statewide, local school board members oversee the expenditure of some \$10 billion of the public's tax dollars. They develop policies in areas that are vital to the operation of public schools."

Gangi has served on the Cresskill Board of Education in Bergen County for 24 years.

"Informed, committed school board members are vital to the smooth operation of our public schools," he continued. "To select these people, we need informed, concerned voters. By learning about candidates in your school district's election voting on April 30 and by continuing to voice your view on education issues, you can help to ensure a quality education for New Jersey's children."

Polling hours for the April 30 election vary among communities. Voters can call their local school district office for polling times and locations.

A statewide, non-profit organization, the New Jersey School Boards Association is a federation of more than 600 local boards of education. It serves as advocate for the interests of New Jersey's public school students and school districts and provides training and technical assistance to the state's 4,900 local school board members.

Quote of the Week

The President's use of the word 'quotas' has divided voters along racial lines. What he has done is akin to what he did with Willie Horton in his campaign for the Presidency.

Congressman John Lewis

Civil rights challenge

by Congressman John Lewis

The civil rights movement produced some of the most sweeping changes in American society since the Civil War. By eliminating legal segregation in public accommodations, housing, voting and employment, the movement opened up American society to millions of discriminated minorities. For black Americans, the laws that were passed during the movement paved the way for millions to fully enter the mainstream of America.

Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court has weakened civil rights laws that had been enacted to eliminate employment discrimination. The Supreme Court has made it more difficult for victims of discrimination to sue their employers. The Court's actions have threatened to undermine the monumental gains of the civil rights

movement. By weakening the laws that protect minorities and women against employment discrimination, the Court has opened the door for continued discrimination in the workplace.

Last year, key members of Congress introduced legislation to overturn the Supreme Court rulings. That legislation was passed by the House and the Senate. It was vetoed, however, by President Bush, who said he believed the civil rights bill would lead to quotas. The President's veto came within one vote of being overturned by the U.S. Senate last year.

The Civil Rights Act of 1991, H.R. 1, will soon be considered by the Congress. The act would restore equal employment opportunity law to where it was before 1989 when the Supreme Court issued decisions making it more difficult for victims of discrimination to get into court and

prove discrimination.

President Bush has wrongly characterized the legislation as a "quotas" bill. In fact, the bill states that nothing "shall be construed to require or encourage an employer to adopt hiring or promotion quotas."

The President's use of the word "quotas" has divided voters along racial lines. What he has done is akin to what he did with Willie Horton in his campaign for the Presidency. The Bush campaign used Willie Horton to scare white voters away from Michael Dukakis' candidacy. President Bush is now using the word "quotas" to discourage support of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. He is waving a red herring to defeat civil rights legislation.

There is neither a sentence nor a paragraph in H.R. 1 that calls for quotas. This legislation is not a quotas bill. To say other-

wise is to tamper with the truth. There are some critics who say the Civil Rights Act of 1991 will be a boon for lawyers. If employers want to stay out of court, the best way to avoid litigation is to not discriminate in hiring.

With the growing increase of minorities and women in the workplace, H.R. 1 emerges as one of the most important pieces of employment legislation to be considered by Congress and the President in many years. Passage of the bill would send a vital message to our nation's employers: employment discrimination will not be tolerated in American society.

Please encourage your Representative and Senator to support H.R. 1. Write and call them. Let them know you believe it is critical that they show leadership. Let them know that you want them to vote for passage of H.R. 1, the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

Newark board members must protect the rights of the children

Teachers accused of stealing receive slap on the wrist

Margam Bey

When you think the Newark Board of Education members would do the right thing by our children, the members turn around and show us that it is fundamentally impossible for them to act honorably when it comes to the lives of Newark students.

Mr. Anderson Kendrick (Special Education Teacher) Edwards Cereato (Physical Education Administrator) have been accused of allegedly embezzling (a seemingly nice term for stealing) fund raising funds from the students of Shabazz High.

The PTA and School Administration requested from Mr. Kendrick an accounting of his records. Mr. Kendrick adamantly refused to do so. Upon his resignation as Senior Class Advisor for the class of '91' and his resignation to turn over records, the PTA demanded, through school administration, an investigation by the Newark Board of Education's Legal and Accounting Departments. Once the investigation began regarding Mr. Kendrick, it was discovered through the school's treasury records that Mr. Corrao's (school treasurer) records were questionable.

When the investigation was completed, there was enough evidence to suspend both teachers with and without pay and one teacher admitted to using school funds for his own personal use. The board's legal counselors recommended that the teachers be suspended without pay and brought up on tenure charges. But the contract was unbroken to a teacher and administrator. Prior to the board meeting, board members were using supporting

documents by the attorneys to proceed with tenure charges against the teachers.

At the March 26th public board meeting, board members Alfonso, Bell, Dardin, Good, LaScala, Mavilla, unanimously agreed to let the teachers off the hook. Board President, Simmonis and board member George conveniently excused themselves from the meeting, and board member Williams abstained from voting. Could it be that Rev. Simmonis accused Simmonis because he knew a wrong doing had taken place and he recognized the consequences of the illegal act committed? And could it be that board member Elenore George did not vote because this is an election month and she did not want to jeopardize her chances of being elected to the board, why did board member, Evelyn Williams abstain? Either you support stealing or you do not. There are no in between.

The crime that has been committed here is that the Newark Board of Education board members have demonstrated that once again, the students of Newark are last on the agenda and the selfish interests of other individuals, unions and special interest groups are what matters.

I am absolutely incensed that board members have no sense of shame, no consciousness. What examples are we setting to students when we allow adults who have committed a crime to walk away without any punitive damages?

Shame on the Newark Board of Education members for selling our children out and those teachers and staff members who are honorable and who can be trusted when money is given to them from students. Shame on the board members for being spineless men and women when it comes to educating and protecting the rights of children. Shame on us for continuously electing citizens who have proven that they are corruptible and do not care about educating and protecting the rights of children, the example set, or the quality of students education.

A few years ago, there was an organization formed (now defunct) called "People United for Public Schools (PUBS). Some of our current board members were members of PUBS. However, it would be apropos for today's school system to retain the acronym and change the meaning to fit the condition of our schools today. Let's now say, People United to Bankrupt our Schools (PUBS), instructionally, fiscally and morally.

You may ask, what happened to the teachers? Well they were suspended with pay, but will be transferred to other schools. Did I say suspended with pay, sounds more like a vacation wouldn't you say? More like a reward for a job well done.

What happened to the students? Well, they have lost all faith and trust in teachers and school. They believe the program is a scam. After all, a breach of trust has been committed between teacher and

student. What about the thousands of dollars that the board of education will foot the bill. They told us they do not have the money. I guess when staff steals, it is the board's duty to protect them. And we wonder why people are always questioning the intent and honesty to the children of Newark via the Newark board of education members.

It is a real commentary, to actually realize, that our children do not exist when it comes to the political games that are played at the expense of children. There is no doubt that there is political maneuvering in the board's decision to retain these people. I have been told that a well known councilman was behind the scenes to make the board members vote the way they did. It's about time we have men and women of this board who stand up for the rights of our children and not personal gain or political power.

Recently, I saw campaign literature for two of the incumbents, Evelyn Williams, and Elenore George, that stated "Leadership We Can Count On." What about leadership our children can count on? The reason that board members are elected are to service and protect the interest of children, not to serve and protect the interest of politicians or people who find the politics for children. Parents call 733-7360 and ask each board member how could they let people who steal off the hook? What is on their minds or in their skulls?

This is not the end of this issue. Trust me.

Margam Bey is first vice president of Malcolm X Shabazz High School PTA

Child Watch...

by Marian Wright Edelman

Many communities have their share of young men who are school dropouts, troublemakers or unemployed with time on their hands. Sometimes their nighttime activities tend to be destructive rather than constructive.

But what kind of late-night activity appeals to young black men and keeps them out of trouble?

Basketball. A Chicago housing development modeled its Midlight Basketball League (MBL) after a Maryland program. This popular activity is played during the time of day when young men are turning to risk behavior.

Chicago's initiative targets black men in their late teens and early twenties in hopes of providing them, not only a fun, young men are on his turf, the program's commissioner, Gil Walker, calls the shots.

The vast majority of Chicago's participants live in the Henry Horner and Rockwell Gardens housing development, where young men join gangs for a sense

of belonging, or for lack of any other belief.

"I don't care what gang they belong in," says Gil. "Now they belong in the MBL. That's our gang."

Program organizers stress that basketball is more than just a hook to attract young men to the program — it has specific goals. MBL provides comprehensive evening programs as an alternative to criminal activities of young male adults between 18 and 25 years of age, an environment where young adult leadership can develop through sports, a network and variety of support services which can have a positive impact on the participants' quality of life; and a structured activity which is very intense as well as demanding of discipline and character. Players are also briefed on other services offered through life skills training, vocational training and counseling, substance abuse counseling, adult education, and a variety of other areas.

Once the young men are part of the league, they must abide by the rules. Everyone must participate with a positive attitude to remain part of the basketball

team. Anyone discovered using drugs or alcohol is suspended permanently.

By MBL's second season, there was a sharp decline in reported crimes, but crimes has not gone away. Gil recognizes its limitations. "You can't overcome years of denial with a few months of basketball," he says. "Many of these guys aren't ready for a job that you're hustling on the streets."

But he's pleased with the self-improvement efforts among some of the players. Almost one third of last year's players registered

for adult education classes after the season ended and 27 got jobs. Community support has been tremendous. A Chicago Defender poll revealed that 85% of the people interviewed believe the program has given youths an opportunity to get involved in a positive and constructive activity.

Gil Walker's enthusiasm and energy are helping black youth find the path to a better future for themselves and for America.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

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by Terry Benjamin

Mayor Sharpe James recently honored Anthony Avent for his outstanding play in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, and stellar career as a student-athlete for Seton Hall University, by proclaiming "Anthony Avent Day" in the City of Newark. An alumnus of Malcolm X. Shabazz (MXS) High School in Newark, the senior center for the Seton Hall Pirates led the team in rebounding and was one of the top scorers. Joined by his mother, Annie Perkins-Avent, Mayor James, also a MXS alumnus, presented the proclamation to the basketball star during a short ceremony in his office.

Throughout the past season and NCAA tournament, Avent was Seton Hall's leading rebounder and one of the team's top scorers. The senior center was named to the second-team, All-Big East Conference squad and first-team, All-Big East Tournament team.

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telligence of these two artists shine brightly throughout this LP as they preach within their street ministry. On "Execution Of A Champ" rhymes flow like this: "Call me the GURU, known as a spiritual teacher/I reach you

Tracks like "Precisely The Right Rhymes" and "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow" illustrate why Gang Starr is on top of the field. "Poetry comes from within and will always win," the GURU raps on "Beyond Comprehension" while "Check The Technique" is self-explanatory.

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Plainfield High School once again demonstrated leadership by winning six committee chairs and one over-all house chair who were as follows: Juniors Aliya Carmichael, Reginald Williams, and Marc Sutton, and Seniors Lorry Bluit, Kirsten Mason and Nathan Quiring. Senior Tobias Pinkney won an Over-all House

For their excellence in debate, communication, sportsmanship, and competition, the students deserve a round of applause.

The convention which honored outstanding high school and college achievers, was held in memory of the late Ryan White, who contracted the AIDS virus from a medical blood transfusion and received national celebrity media publicity when he successfully fought for his right to go to school and attend classes with other students. It was organized by South Jersey radio personality Sally Sharpe and featured a number of leading educational speakers as well as Ryan's mother.

The Plainfield area contingent performed Mr. Street's heralded pro-education rap song, "Education Is The Salvation (Substitute Teacher Rap)", written by himself, Rytche Chlanda and Lou Frezza, Strye who also

who participated included Kendra Hill of Cedarbrook School in Plainfield and sisters Nicole and Heather DiBiase, Lisa Christensen and Juliette Falocco of Riley School in South Plainfield.

Aside from doing their featured song, Twine and Bailey performed live their own anti-drug rap song, the Govan sisters did a spotlight dance number and Mr. Street previewed his new envi-

At camp, children will have the opportunity to learn about nature in hands-on programs, take swimming and boating lessons, learn to complete various types of crafts, and become involved in the experience of living away from home for one week.

The 4-H program is the youth phase of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, an educational arm of Cook College, Rutgers University.

Plan now for 4-H Summer Camp

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest celebrates at First Church of God in Christ in Queens. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

NEWARK—Forteenth Annual Women's Day Celebration. Sponsored by Women of Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. 11 a.m., 151 Broadway. For more information call 681-6142.

SUMMIT—First Unitarian Society will hold "Visions for Peace" services at 4 p.m., 4 Walden Avenue. For information call 201-756-0750.

PLAINFIELD—Earth Sunday, a presentation by Religious Education classes and Sunday Committees. Worship service at 10:30 a.m. First Unitarian Society, 724 Park Avenue. For information call 756-0750.

University Glee Club gives benefit concert in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD—On Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m. Habitat For Humanity Of Greater Plainfield will present The University Glee Club Of New York City in a benefit concert of sacred songs and spirituals at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Washington Avenue, Plainfield. Donation \$10. Information 654-4494 or 754-0078. The UGC, a 170-member, all-male group was founded nearly a century ago in 1894, and is dedicated to male voice singing of the highest excellence. They have a unique and enthusiastic approach to traditional glee club singing and their repertoire includes a wide variety of music from traditional college songs, glee and classics, to spirituals, sea-chanties and show tune. With their rich history of performances in the finest concert

halls in New York including Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall, we are indeed fortunate to have them for this rare appearance in New Jersey.

For the past 30 years Dr. John Low Baldwin has conducted the group. His distinguished career in music dates back to before World War II when he organized the famous Rainbow Division (222 Infantry) glee club and music school. He is currently organist at St. John on the Mountain in Bernardsville.

The Club's gifted accompanist is Russell Ames whose career began at Harvard where he composed for Hasty Pudding shows and managed the Lowell House music program. He does many of the arrangements for the UGC and is currently with Horace Mann School.

churches approved a resolution requesting that the top religious leaders "rejection their respective General Conferences to authorize a study commission for the purpose of exploring possible merger." Nancy Willis of the United Methodist News Service reported.

"New forms of relationships, mission structures and possible merger... in a world torn by such evils as injustice and racism" were cited as goals of the study. The commission to be composed of five representatives from each denomination, "would be mandated to make regular progress reports of each denomination and to prepare a proposal for each General Conference no later than

[1996," Willis said.

Three of the denominations will meet in 1992 and the CME's in 1994. Two of the black organizations, the AME's and the CME's have already agreed to a merger. The AME's have about 2.2 million members and the CME's have 700,000. The AME's have approximately 2.2 million members and the United Methodists have 8.9 million, of which 360,000 are black members, said Ms. Willis.

The four denominations have common roots in the Methodist Episcopal Church, from which the predominantly black groups split over racial issues, according to Willis. During the meeting of bishops representing all the denominations, last March 21,

AMEZ Bishop Ruben L. Speaks, Salisbury, NC, presented the idea of appointing a commission "to plan steps to organic unity." Following Speaks' remarks, United Methodist Bishop David Lawson, San Prairie, WI, called for a move toward union.

With further encouragement from retired United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews Washington, DC, the group moved immediately to appoint a committee to draft such a resolution which was adopted. Members included Speaks, AMEZ Bishop I. Clinton Hoggard, Washington, DC; CME Bishops Othel H. Lakey, Cincinnati, OH, and Richard O. Bass Sr., Birmingham, AL; The United Methodist Bishops Lawson and

Melvin G. Talbert, San Francisco and AME Bishop Frederick Y. Tubbo, Fredericksburg, Virginia islands.

Rev. Joseph McKimney, secretary of the AME Church headquarters in Washington, DC, referred questions about the proposal to Second Episcopal Bishop Harold Brooks, who was away at a conference. McKimney said the denominations had been discussing consolidation of the churches for several years "but I don't think it will happen anytime soon." Willis explained that the merger of churches began to be discussed in 1979, but various denominations were also considering a "consolidation of protestant and non-protestant churches."

Meditation helps increase productivity and unlock full potential

by Connie Reynolds

Transcendental Meditation (TM)—a practice once thought to be the favorite pastime of mystics, weirdos and dreamers—may very well emerge as the survival tool of the nineties for individuals coping in a world where technological progress has outdistanced human wisdom. Psychologists are reporting the average state of mental health in our society is not normal, that far too many people are experiencing and acting out inappropriate amounts of anxiety, frustration and depression. All directly linked to the pandemic use of drugs and alcohol skyrocketing crime rate.

Although the ancient practice of TM only became available to the West in the late 1950s, hundreds of published research studies now identify it as a self-help technology guaranteed to alleviate the stresses of living in a world gone crazy. Tailored to two to three minutes each morning and evening to let the active mind settle down to a deep state of rest—where it is wide awake but without thought—TM is a payoff of decreased stress and tension; increased intelligence, creativity and productivity; increased energy and motivation; an improved sense of self-worth and well-being; and a dramatic reduction in the use of alcohol and drugs. Regular practice of TM also reduces disorders leading to cardiovascular illness, such as high cholesterol and hypertension. TM's wide-ranging effects on an individual's physical and mental health are accomplished through the refinement of the brain and nervous system.

During the meditative experience, the mind dives deeply into itself and accesses what researchers call the fourth state of consciousness—which is different from the three states of consciousness we all experience while awake, asleep or dreaming—where the mind is aware of its own pure, silent nature experience.

This not only generates a feeling of inner joy, of self-confidence and well-being, but the entire personality becomes more resistant to mental distress, which manifests physically in a more perfect state of health.

Most people think that successful meditation requires sitting on the floor in a twisted position staring at a candle flame, pushing thoughts out of the mind, striving to concentrate. Quite the contrary. One of the reasons TM works so well is that it requires no concentration at all. The technique is completely natural and unfolds in a chair to do it. Perhaps the greatest strength of the TM technique is that it is a mechanical procedure that doesn't require any faith or belief to make it work. Even total skeptics can use it successfully.

The underlying theory of TM has to do with the mind-body connection. How you feel determines what chemicals you create and release within your body, and the chemicals you create determine the strength of your immune system against disease. There is a molecular connection between the state of your mind and the state of your body.

Whenever the mind changes its focus of attention, the body changes its mode of functioning. For example, if you focus your attention on a thriller movie, your heart rate speeds up, your nervous system becomes jumpy, and your body produces adrenaline.

During meditation, the heart and nervous system settle down. Blood flow to the brain increases almost 20% (bringing more oxygen and nutrients to the brain), and 400% increase in arginine-vasopressin (AVP), the natural chemical that increases mental alertness. (AVP in synthetic form is prescribed by doctors to reverse the mental dullness that comes with old age.)

There is also a marked reduction in cortisol and blood lactate, the hormones associated with stress, and an increase in prolactin,

a hormone associated with feelings of well-being and satisfaction. So, by itself and for itself, the mind—during meditation—refines its own functioning and, as it does so, it brings the brain, the nervous system and the rest of the body along with it to an improved state of health.

By now you're probably asking yourself "TM is so magical, why isn't everyone practicing it?" Detailed knowledge about the technique has existed for thousands of years; its preservers have been the scholars of the Vedic tradition in Northern India. The information has been passed down from teacher to student across the centuries. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi—an Indian physicist and educator—was the latest in a long line of teachers in the Vedic tradition. He has revived the ancient knowledge and developed and taught it to three

million people around the world.

To actually learn the TM technique, it is necessary to sit down with a trained teacher. Free introductory lectures are generally held on Wednesday evenings. Instruction fees range from \$155 for students to \$600 for entire families.

For more information about the TM technique, call any of the following TM centers in New York and New Jersey: Manhattan (212) 645-0202; Montclair (201) 746-2120; Plainfield (201) 561-0462.

Moorestown (609) 231-0955; Teaneck (201) 836-1933; or Morris-town (201) 984-6555.

To schedule an in-house presentation for corporate employees, contact the national office of Corporate Development Program (CDP) at 1599 North Main Street, Fairfield, Iowa 52556; telephone (515) 472-2650.

Dr. Goldsby Grant at Women's Day Celebration

MONTCLAIR—The annual Women's Day celebration of St. Marks United Methodist Church will be held Sunday, April 21.

Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant, psychologist, Theology and Education will speak on the theme "The Ties That Bind Women of Color," at the 11 a.m. services.

Dr. Grant, an advice columnist for *Essence Magazine*, has millions of readers who find her "lively column," "Bevels Us," a lively stimulating "energizer." She also appears frequently on television and radio, including the Donahue Show, 9 Broadcast Plaza, Sally Jesse Raphael, Oprah and Black Entertainment TV among others.

Often referred to as the "high energy expert," Dr. Grant is a certified sex counselor, a Diplomate of the American Board of Sexology and specializes in assertiveness training, stress management and leadership and life skills development. Around the

lecture circuit she is called "The Energizer."

With *Doccones in Theology and Education*, she is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, life member, National Council of Negro Women, and Association of Black Psychologists who recently awarded her the distinguished Bobby E. Wright Community Service Award for her life's work in mental health.

Grant is the wife of Newark City Council president, Dr. Ralph T. Grant, Jr. They have three children, Ralph III, Sally-Anne and Rebecca.

This year's Women's Day program continues the church's celebration of its 110th anniversary that began last November. St. Marks is Montclair's oldest African-American church.

The 1991 Women's Day chairperson is Beverly M. Dillard. Women's Day is open to the community.

GEA battle comes to Plainfield

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education in order to achieve the command of the Constitution."

"The state must assure that per education expenditures per pupil are substantially equivalent to those of the more affluent districts and that in additional special disadvantages must be addressed," Morheuser stated that out of all the states she has dealt with on this issue, New Jersey fought the hardest not to comply with the mandate by the Supreme Court.

Morheuser cited a study that was conducted by an Education Subcommittee, that presented its results in early January of 1990, which stated that New Jersey was

fifth in the injustice of distribution funding. Fourth in the nation for its segregation of African Americans and third in the segregation of Hispanics.

She told the audience about a student she met when she was interviewing students for a study. The student was a member of the Newark Science High debating team. Since the team has won some awards, they were traveling to other school districts in the state to compete, they went to Bridgewater High School in Somerset County, where she saw computers in almost every classroom and told Morheuser that Science High didn't have one that the students could use.

"Unless these children have the ability to participate in full they will not be able to compete in today's world." The general public, parents, teachers and students have to pull their resources together and begin to get on our elected officials locally as well as statewide to let them know we will not stand for this lack of equality in education. As a member of the audience stated, "Let them know if they vote the wrong way, they are out." Morheuser said her organization, The Education Law Center will go back to the courts in the coming months to seek changes to QEA II, every bit of help is needed.

Paterson celebrates National Library Week

PATERSON—In honor of National Library Week, the Paterson Library will hold a Family Read-A-Thon on Thursday April 18, 7 p.m. in the Main Library Assembly Room, 250 Broadway. The event will kick off the Library's Family Reading Month Program which runs through May 16.

The opening ceremony will feature new Library trustee Betty Peterson and children's readings in English and Spanish. Adult volunteers and parents will read selections from PATERSON, the famous book-length poem by William Carlos Williams.

During Paterson's Family Reading Month, parents and children will be encouraged to read at home for 15 minutes a day. Children grades 1 and below who read at least one book a week, in a family meeting program requirements, will receive individual certificates developed for use throughout Passaic county by the Passaic Public Library Cooperative Library System (PALS). In response to PALS' efforts, the Passaic County Board of Freeholders will issue a proclamation honoring National Library Week and local public library activities.

Human Relations mediate public hearing

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better place.

As far as the public hearings, which have been held three Thursdays in a row (the next being April 18 at the Plainfield High School), are concerned, the commission will dig through all of the complaints and establish guidelines for the mayor on what could be done to alleviate some of the tension.

When asked how much

weight does he think the body's report will have on the mayor, Morheuser responded that he believed that the mayor would react favorably on the report. "He will try to implement some of the suggestions, you must understand that what we are giving is feedback, which is what he wants."

"Often people who see me around the neighborhood, at the store or something will say, 'I filed a complaint and I never

heard anything else about it.' That's crazy, everyone should be entitled to some kind of answer." There are other agencies that can be contacted that are run by the county or the state, that could provide some assistance.

"I hope the outcome of the hearings will be better communication between the public and the police department, each group must be willing to work together to achieve a common goal."

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SUNDAY, APRIL 17

ORANGE—A Night of Play Reading and Poetry Recitals By: Post & Paywright Kabu Okada and Tess Onweme, with readings by the students of Orange and Park Elementary Schools. Doors open 6 p.m. Library Auditorium. For information contact the Library.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

JERSEY CITY—Colleen Randall/Paints: The Courtney Gallery. For information contact the Courtney Gallery.

JERSEY CITY—"African Origins," a film about Egypt. Student Union Building, room 311. 12 p.m. For further information call (201) 547-3426.

JERSEY CITY—Persuasion Ensemble will perform. Margaret Williams Theatre Hepburn Hall. 8 p.m. Admission \$5; student, senior citizens, and group admission is \$4. For further information call (201) 547-3151.

WEST ORANGE—Mina X Two performs "Jazz The Imagination in Motion" at the Jewish Community Center. 2 p.m. in the 500-seat Maxine Levin Theater. Members \$5, Non-Members \$6. For further information call (201) 766-3300.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

NEWARK—Newark MediaWorks features Working Heights high school students 5:45 p.m. late show 6:30 p.m. Doors open 5 p.m. Admission \$5, seniors and full time students \$3. For more information call (201) 643-6877.

NEW BRUNSWICK—T-3 Productions in Association with the Waterfront Ensemble presents *George and the Medicine Man*. Thurs-Saturday 8 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 3 p.m. 1997 George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Avenue. Senior citizens & student rates available. For information call (908) 246-7492. Run time to be 90 min.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

METUCHEN—MetuchenEdison YMCA presents Spring Dance. 7:10 p.m. \$3 per person. For more information call 908-789-9166.

CRANFORD—Shirley & Sullivan's "Pleasant" created by the Savory Strings Guild & Sullivan Company at Union County College presents *Thursdays* 10:30 Springfield Avenue, 3 p.m. Tickets \$10; seniors, \$7.50; child, \$5.00; under 12 half price. For information call 474-3088 or 5 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—Sterling Creations features an African-American Art Exhibit with special book signing by Featured artist James Ramon. Saturday and Sunday Noon, 731 West 8th Street. For more information call 908-666-7752.

WATKINS—Sculpture park with works by David Smith, Alexander Calder and Mark O. Swann. Rain Date May 4. For information call (201) 595-2654.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

WEST ORANGE—The Carolyn Danie Company will present "The Magic of Dances" at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan New Jersey. 2 p.m. Members \$5, \$6 non-members. For further information call (201) 596-3920.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 21

EAST ORANGE—Robert Page to be Guest Artist at Upsala College Choral Festival. For information call (201) 266-7154.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

JERSEY CITY—JSCC Orchestra will perform. Margaret Williams Theatre Hepburn Hall. 3 p.m. Gen. Admission \$5; student, senior citizens, and group admission is \$4. For further information call (201) 547-3151.

PLAINFIELD—African-American Art Exhibit and Sale and a special signing by featured artist James Ramon at Sterling Creations, 731 W. 8th Street. Information call (908) 666-7752.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College exhibits recent paintings of Colleen Randall. The Courtney Gallery, 2339 Kennedy Boulevard 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission free for more information call (201) 547-3441.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents *Don Giovanni* at the Wesleyan Church. For information call (201) 222-6040.

A Talented Threesome



NEW YORK—Nizkone Shange, left, author of the highly acclaimed *For Colored Girls*, performs in the new poetic, music, dance and theatrical work, *A Sense of Breath*, during its recent debut at the Whitney Museum of Art at Philip Morris. With Shange are collaborators and fellow performers, choreographer dancer, Mickey Davidson and vocalist/composer, Joanne Lee. The original work opened both the branch Museum's "Performance on 42nd Street, Spring 1991" presentation of "8 In 7: New Ventures in American Music," and the fifth Annual Festival of Women Improvisers. Shange is currently a writer in residence at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. Her upcoming projects include the presentation of her adaptation with Emily Mann and Dakota Carroll of *Bessie Brown: A Rhythm and Blues Musical*, at the McCarter Theatre. A collection of her poetry, *The Love Space Demands*, is scheduled for publication in the spring of 1991.

Chicago Dance Theatre comes to Newark

NEWARK—The Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theatre will make its Newark debut on Friday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in the Second Floor Theatre at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, as part of the current "Best of American Dance" series. It was founded in 1974 by Holmes, an alumnus of the Alvin Ailey and Harlem Ballet companies, in his home town of the company's title. Holmes, who died in 1986, created many of the company's dances along with his successor, Randy Duncan. Described as "exhilarating and 'exuberant,'" the troupe consistently brings audiences to its feet with its brand of modern jazz, athletic intensity, engaging personalities and award-winning choreography. The "Best of American Dance Series" is the creation of Leon Denmark, Executive Director of Newark Symphony Hall, to familiarize the Newark area with nationally recognized choreography.

The Chicago company has an extensive national and international touring record and last year made debut performances in New

York City, Washington, D.C., Denver, West Palm Beach and a tour of Mexico. The dancers include: Arturo Alvarez, Winifred Haun, Cynthia Bowen, Kim McNamara, Robyn Davis, Patrick Mullane, Ariane Dalton, Tabasha Russell, Keith Elliott, Cullis Suarez and Roger Turner in its multi-ethnic roster.

The Newark program will include: "Bittersweet Av" with Randy Duncan to the music of Ina Arredondo, the Nylons, and Tangerine Dream; "He and She," choreography by Joseph Holmes, music by Pat Metheny and Earl Klugh; "Copland Moments," choreography to Aaron Copland's music; "Women's Work" by Duncan to Tom Kato's music; and "Ardent" based to the music of American Friends, created by Holmes and Denmark in 1983.

Tickets for Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theatre are \$15.00 and may be ordered and bought at The Hall Box Office, 1020 Broad Street, Newark 201-643-8029. Tickets may also be charged through TicketMaster: 201-507-8900.

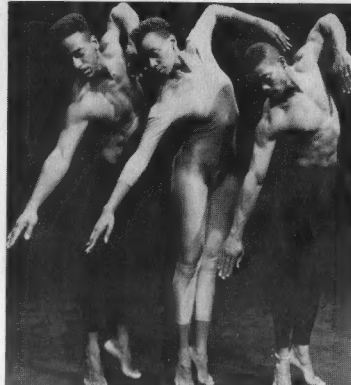
Chaison Dance theatre continues the dream at Essex County College

NEWARK—The William Chaison Dance Theatre is New Jersey's multi-ethnic contemporary dance theatre company. The nine member company was founded by the late choreographer and teacher William Chaison, who began his career as the first African-American dancer with the Houston Jazz Ballet and later went on to dance with and choreograph for the Alvin Ailey Dance Company in New York. Chaison's association with Kean College of New Jersey, where he was professor of dance education from 1977 to 1983, makes possible a permanent residence for the company at the New Jersey state college.

Combining Chaison's Horton and Limon-style modern dance with contemporary jazz, the company's repertoire is extensive. The nine member company, a truly diverse ethnic group, is a revelation of differences and physical variety shaped by cosmopolitan disciplines.

Principle dancer and artistic director, Patricia Carter-Davis began her career as a student of Chaison's at Kean College and later earned a BFA at the North Carolina College of the Arts.

Carter-Davis is supported by eight regular company members, and three apprentices. The



dancers, who are of all races, received their training at the North Carolina College of the Arts, Juillard Performing Arts College and The Alvin Ailey School in New York.

Working together the company continues to bring life to William Chaison's dream of a

multi-ethnic, multi-disciplinary ensemble that reflects not the many facets of the arts, but the many faces of humanity.

The company will perform on April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Mary Birkin Theatre, Essex County Community College, Newark. For ticket information call 877-3208.

Japanese culture shared during Library Week

NEWARK—The theme of this year's National Library Week celebration is "A Bridge to Understanding: Sharing Cultures of the Japanese People with the People of Newark." The programs scheduled by the Newark Public Library for the week of April 20 will focus on the culture of Japan, the subject of the 1991 International Festival, together with that of other Newark peoples.

A variety of programs are planned for the Main Library and all of the branch libraries. Performers and artists will demonstrate aspects of their culture, providing opportunities for the audience participation.

Carrying out the Festival motif, the activities will include Japanese Origami, the traditional art of

folding paper into decorative objects; Japanese music played on the Koto, a six-foot long, thirteen-stringed instrument; and Shukuhaku, a traditional bamboo flute originally martial arts.

In various libraries, these activities will be offered together with Latino or Italian Folk Art, African crafts such as doll making, tie-dye, or beaded, traditional African music, or Latino or Polish Folk Dancing. Performers and artists will use traditional instruments and costumes in demonstrating the cultural achievements.

"We think the people of Newark will be surprised and delighted to discover the uniqueness and the similarities between their culture and that of the Japanese, both of which will appear on National Library Week programs," notes Dr. Alex Boyd, Library director. "While one of the Library's missions is to highlight the contributions of our community members, we also feel it is our mission to introduce the young people of Newark to the contributions of others around the world. This is our purpose in presenting International Festivals."

The schedule for the week is as follows:
Branch Brook Branch Library: 235 Clifton Avenue, 733-6588
Friday, April 20, 1 p.m. Crafts: Japanese Origami and Latino Folk Art
Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m. Concert: Japanese & Latino Dance
Clinton Branch Library: 735 Bergen Street, 733-7174
Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. Crafts: Origami & African Tie-Dye
Friday, April 26, 3:30 p.m. Concert: Japanese & African Music

First Avenue Branch Library: 282 First Avenue, 733-8091
Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m. Crafts: Japanese Origami & Italian Folk Art
Madison Branch Library: 730 Clinton Avenue, 733-8050
Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. Martial Arts: Karate & African Capoeira
Monday, April 22, 3:30 p.m. Concert: Japanese & African Music
Main Library & Washington St. 733-7797
Children's Room
Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m. Crafts: Japanese & Polish Folk Dancing
Mt. Vernon Branch Library: 142 Mt. Vernon Place, 374-2088
Saturday, April 20, 1:30 p.m. Crafts: Origami & African Beadery
North End Branch Library: 722 Summer Avenue, 733-3871
Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. Martial Arts: Karate & African Capoeira
Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m. Crafts: Origami & African Tie-Dye
Roosevelt Branch Library: 99 Fifth Street, 733-7770
Wednesday, April 24, 3:30 p.m. Concert: Japanese and African Drummers
Springfield Branch Library: 50 Hayes Street, 733-7773
Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. Crafts: Origami & African Adinkra
Friday, April 26, 3:30 p.m. Martial Arts: Karate & African Capoeira
Valleburg Branch Library: 735 Alexander Street, 733-7749
Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m. Martial Arts: Karate & African Capoeira
Thursday, April 25, 3:30 p.m. Crafts: Origami & African Adinkra
Van Buren Branch Library: 140 Van Buren Street, 733-7752
Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m. Crafts: Japanese Origami
Thursday, April 25, 3:30 p.m. Crafts: Japanese & Polish Folk Dancing
Weehawken Branch Library: Maple Avenue, 733-7752
Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m. Crafts: Origami & African Adinkra
Thursday, April 25, 3:30 p.m. Concert: Japanese & African Dance

'AIDS and the pregnant IV drug user' to be addressed on April 22 in Jersey City

JERSEY CITY—Margaret Nichols, Ph.D., founder of New Jersey's leading AIDS service organization, the Hyacinth Foundation, will be the featured speaker at a presentation on "AIDS and the Pregnant IV Drug User" on Monday, April 22. The event will take place at the Hudson County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse offices at the Barrow Mansion, 83 Wayne Street in Jersey City, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending by 12:30 p.m.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is spreading rapidly among women, especially among minority women. Of the total number of female AIDS cases, IV drug users make up the largest exposure category. The abuse of alcohol and other drugs by women can also increase their risk of HIV exposure through unprotected sex. Studies suggest that alcohol and other drugs may also enhance the body's susceptibility to HIV and increase the severity of infection.

Once infected with HIV, there is a strong chance a pregnant woman will pass the virus on to her unborn baby. Hundreds of women have given birth to children who developed AIDS. As of February 28, 1991, 167,803 total AIDS cases and 106,361 deaths from AIDS had been reported in the United States. An estimated 1,000,000 people are infected.

The April 22 presentation is co-sponsored by the Hudson County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the AIDS Education and Training Center of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Attendance will be limited to 25. Registration is free and may be completed by calling 451-2877 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

RADIOSCOPE...THE COLUMN

TOP STORIES: A ROUGH GO FOR FEMALE RAPPERS
A SPINOFF FOR THE FRESH PRINCE?
MARY WELLS ON THE MEND

From Bailey Broadcasting Service Via Serra Syndication

Rough Times For Female Rappers: Hard core. Rough. Takin' no stuff stories of life in the street and a whole lotta macho posturing and bragging are some of the things that give rap music its fire. Those things make it a man's world. Early on Roxanne Shante broke through the barricade. And then Salt 'n' Pepa, MC Lyte, Queen Latifah and Monie Love to name a few followed. But the overall picture hasn't changed too much. On Valentine's Day, some of the biggest and newest female rappers (including MC Lyte, MC Trouble and Queen Latifah) got together in L.A. for a Black Women in Rap Concert. All the women show was great, but there was hardly anyone to see. The arena wasn't even half full. Part of the reason was poor promotion. Beyond that, people didn't come because lady rappers aren't considered hard core by men who tend to be rap's biggest supporters. And more than one woman has turned a deaf ear to rap because too much of it pissed them. Lady rappers say they've got to turn that whole situation around. Another thing women say is that men don't want them to succeed. It's almost as if they want to keep rap all to themselves. MC Lyte, who's considered to be hardcore, scored big with "Capecucino" and "Cha Cha Cha" off her "Eyes On This" album. That success earned her headline status, something she says more than one male rapper hasn't faked. "Sometimes it's rough," she says, "but I'm ready for the rough times." The toward along with the way men dis women on record is a big issue for female rappers. "It's like this," Ice Cube says, "the 'bitch' don't apply to all women, but all women have a little bitch in them." No one advocates censorship, and not even all of the ladies are offended, but it's hard to dispute that the picture painted by many men is an ugly one. A lot of women feel that kind of talk brings rap down and brings black men and women down too. There's the violence. NWA's Dr. Dre has been involved in two public fights. In one, he choked singer Michelle K in an L.A. nightclub, and in the other, he physically assaulted syndicated TV hostess, Dee Barnes (of "Pump It Up"). Recently, Public Enemy member Flavor Flav was arrested after punching his girlfriend in the face. The boundaries of rap are being stretched everyday. "Things like that shouldn't be displayed. A lot of kids are looking up to it," says Queen Latifah. A big change is eventually going to come and women will be at the front of it. And you can bet rap music will be even better because of it.

From the P.P.T. (People, Places & Things) File: Lately Michael Jackson's lawyers have been working overtime trying to sink their teeth into an unauthorized biography written by J. Randy Taraborrelli, the man who wrote "Call Me Miss Ross." The book is due out later this month and it's supposedly got some scandalous revelations in it about Michael's sex life, or lack of sex life, and many other things the superstar would like to keep private...The highly-touted NBC series, "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" never did live up to all the hype that surrounded its debut. It didn't bomb, but it's not at the top of most people's viewing list either. The apparent doesn't matter to NBC because they've got plans to spinoff from the "Fresh Prince" a new series called "Homeboys." Don Chiselle, who co-wrote the movie "Hamburger Hill," named "Homeboys" the starring role as a hip college grad trying to make it in the business world on his "own terms." The show is produced by Quincy Jones along with Andy and Susan Borowitz, the masterminds behind "Fresh Prince"...Last year, 60's soul singer Mary Wells popped back into the headlines when it was discovered she was suffering from throat cancer and financially destitute. An outpouring of support generated funds enough to help pay medical expenses. And now there's even more good news for Wells. It appears the radiation therapy that she underwent has been a complete success. As far as her ability to sing, "it's still not known, and it won't be known for several months," says Joyce McCrea, who heads the Rhythm & Blues Foundation...**Feedback Line:** What's on your mind? Well, Belinda Jackson of Las Vegas says that she's going to marry. If it's Eddie Murphy, she's a sucker, because he's got twelve kids. Well, we can't answer that, but according to our records, Eddie Murphy's got just two children...Got a question or a comment on any RadioScope story, call the Feedback Line at (213) 287-2354.

CITY BUSINESS

BUSINESS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

NEWARK—The Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration are cosponsoring a "Matchmaker" trade mission to Hong Kong and Singapore to introduce American companies to new marketing opportunities abroad. For information call Herb Austin at the SBA 201-645-6064 or Yvonne Jackson 202-377-2675.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

ELIZABETH—New Jersey Association of Black Housing Administrators annual Awards Banquet, 5:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Jopost. For information call 545-9430.

JERSEY CITY—Workshop to help small businesses determine their export potential, sponsored by the SBA and the NUSBOC at the Hudson County Administration Annex Building 6:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information call 201-795-6186.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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Business Exchange... Dancin' Wit' Wolves

by William Reed

(NNPA)—Usually, black folk trying to do business is like white people trying to dance. No matter how much energy they waste in motion, most white's just have no sense of rhythm or synchronous movement. A few exceptional white's, like Vanilla Ice, are funky enough to do the "hip hop" and New Jack Swing well. Likewise, a few exceptional black's such as: John H. Johnson of Ebony fame, Joshua Smith who heads Maxima Corporation and A.G. Gaston of black insurance and real estate fame can do the Mo' Money Dance as well as any head of a Fortune 500 company.

Since the end of formal segregation most blacks don't even try to dance like the Yankee Peddlers. But from the beginning of the American system of commerce, exceptional black business people have had a long and rich history. Exceptional black people have always passed up "jobs" to face the insurmountable odds required to provide goods and services in the free enterprise system. With their vision and rugged determination to succeed against the odds, exceptional blacks have

made significant contributions to the economy of our communities, and the nation. From the black proprietors who were merchants, shoemakers, tailors, caterers and manufacturers in the latter half of the 17th century to present-day entrepreneurs, blacks have had to be inventive and resourceful in the way in which they've entered, and stayed, in business. Like the white people who made, and did, "dirty dancing," a few exceptional black people have used their persistence, vision and sense of purpose to explore new frontiers and meet the challenges of the commerce.

In contrast to the exceptional ones of us who can dance with any wolf of industry, most of Black America has an ear in regard to today's economic pulse. We can't dance to the tune because we don't understand, not apply, the rhythms and concepts of capitalism. With their vision and attention to policies and petitions for government assistance, most of us miss the fact that the buying and selling of commodities and services between us is the key to communal wealth building. The Pied Piper's melody for black business and enterprise goes out of tune when it comes time for internal trade and patronage. When most blacks go to do the ConsumerDance they neglect to begin and end the dance "wit' the ones who brung'em."

More blacks need to note the economic and social impact that their own trade and commerce can make on their economy and development. The exceptional blacks in business can dance to the American tune because they have ability and tenacity to hold onto their dreams. Black business giants such as A.G. Gaston, Madame C.J. Walker and John Johnson had the vision and guts to start companies from scratch and develop them into multi-million dollar enterprises. Their vision included developing products and services that a broad

Mayors speak on Census

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his remarks. In October of 1990, the Census Bureau estimated that there were 253.4 million people living in the United States. In the final 1990 Census figures, the Bureau reported that there were 248.7 million United States residents. Mayor Dinkins said, "In the coming weeks and months, the Department of Commerce must decide whether to issue statistically corrected 1990 Census figures, or to allow an undercount of historic and disastrous proportions. Today, the urgency of our case is underscored by the inclusion of ten new plaintiffs and, together, we will continue to urge the Census Bureau to choose accuracy over apathy to acknowledge the flaws in the current census data and the emergency this represents for urban America." Commenting further Mayor Brown said, "To me the census is obviously wrong when I simply apply my everyday rule of thumb which is — there are more babies in our clinic than ever, more people on welfare than ever, more pupils in class than ever, more crimes than ever — so how is it possible that less people are producing more problems than ever before. It is highly unlikely that Orange, NJ is less populated than in 1989. The various populations contained in various areas of the town clearly established that our apartment buildings are full and people constantly complain about the unavailability of housing. Clearly this is the sign of a town that went on a diet and lost a considerable amount of weight."

Originally filed in 1988, the lawsuit sought to reverse a Department of Commerce decision against correcting the 1990 Census results. In a settlement of part of that lawsuit in 1989, the Department agreed to take all the steps necessary for a statistical correction and to reconsider its decision on correcting the census count. Under that settlement, the Department must announce its decision by no later than July 15, 1991. If the Department decides against a correction, the plaintiffs

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range of our people use and need. Products and services such as hair care products, publications and communications facilities, insurance, and hotels for people of color made Gaston, Walker and Johnson full partners in the Dance of American Capitalism. Instead of focusing on civil rights advocates, politicians and preachers as our leaders, blacks would do well

to make black business leaders the people to dance with.

For more of us to be in step with the tune of capitalism and its wealth, new and daring black risk takers will have to take the floor and move to fill the huge void that exists in Black American Commerce. The exceptional blacks in business will gladly "reach out to teach us" about the

great dance steps we can do toward the opportunities available to sell us our food, housing, cars, cosmetics, gas, books, and other products. What greater cadence can we give to The Race than for more of us to turn up the volume of our internal commercial support and investments and dispel the myth that blacks and business are not in accord.

Business In The Black...

Where Is The Money?

by Charles E. Belle

(NNPA)—Wherever there is a chance to get some cash, people will congregate. Conferences are critical places to make contacts, especially if you need cash for a business project. People from around the world worked their way to the 2nd Annual Pacific Rim Real Estate Conference held in San Francisco in February at the Hotel Nikko. No one was surprised that a sack of money men from all over Asia were ready, willing and able to invest in various projects in the USA. It was the type of project and anticipated return that turned the troop of US developers and deal makers off.

Keynote speaker, author, and entreprenur, economist, Paul Erdman easily explained the whereabouts of excess world capital — the Pacific Rim: Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Singapore — where saving is not a sin like in America. The European Common Market will work with former communist nations to develop a single large free marketplace, but have no excess funds for the North American market. Modern America and Canada are chock full of consumers. Colored countries like Africa and Asia (Red China, Bangladesh, India, Niam, etc.) simply do not have enough capital

for their own nations, much less any excess to export.

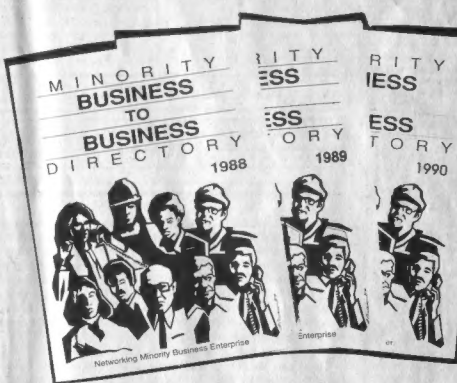
And excess capital is needed desperately to deliver the US commercial real estate industry out of its doldrums. In fact, in "Emerging Trends in Real Estate: 1991," the respected annual forecast prepared by Real Estate Research Corp., a national advisory, consulting and valuation firm, sponsored by Equitable Real Estate Investment Management, Inc., New York, there appears to be a lot of bad whiskey in the wind. With yields on real estate investments declining or at best remaining flat, the short term looks very dark. Especially considering Pacific Rim investors are seeking returns of 30% of their invested equity. Everything not producing that kind of profit will no doubt be adjusted downward, causing fewer property sales.

Since that 30% profit potential is a bit difficult to make during a US recession, few new development projects will get off ground financing. Finally, "Emerging Trends," points out that real estate is weak all over the country and every property type except industrial real estate is overbuilt. Only "work-out deals" where one is willing to sell exceedingly low to save face will get done in the near future. Finding "trophy properties" in the leading cities

like Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington, DC, Dallas, San Diego and Houston is still the hope of most Japanese investors. Incidentally, a golf course would not hurt to lure them there, since it costs a cool million bucks or more for membership in most Japanese country clubs.

Consensus of the sophisticated real estate crowd at the conference was that it would take two-to-five years to work off the excess commercial and hotel real estate already built in the United States. Start changing hotels into apartment buildings was the best idea of one panelist. Please if you must buy something, "buy existing," not new developments, stated a Stanford University lawyer. This lawyer-developer had raised about a quarter of a billion bucks a year for each of the past three years from the Japanese. However, the flow has halted due to the heavy amount of overbuilding in the US. Nevertheless, no one left the Pacific Rim Conference without contacting one or more interested investors in one of their projects. Because not only were the Pacific investors there—they had too much money. After all, it is said, "Money is like muck, not good except it be spread."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to N.J.S. 40:44-9 et seq., Municipal Ward Law, the Newark Ward Commissioners are required to adjust the ward boundaries for the City of Newark.

The Newark Ward Commission will be holding Open Public Meetings every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of April at 3:00 P.M. (with the exception of April 25th, 1991.) In Room 411 of the Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

The Public is invited to submit proposals for the above to the Commission prior to April 23rd, 1991. Please mail or deliver to Newark Ward Commission, c/o Essex County Board of Elections, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Commissioner Laurie Clark, Chairperson
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

Sealed proposals will be received by the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Bloomfield in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey, on Monday April 8, 1991 at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, and publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of specifications and contract documents for this Residential Rehabilitation project (Application #453) are open to inspection in the Department of Community Development and Inspections, Municipal Building, Room 105, Bloomfield, N.J., and may be secured from said office. This project will involve the following work and/or trades:

- A. Roofing
- B. Painting
- C. Dry Wall

Bids must be made on proposal forms and must be enclosed in sealed, specially addressed envelopes bearing the title, Residential Rehabilitation Department of Community Development and Inspections, Township of Bloomfield accompanied by the Application Number. The address of the bidder and work bid upon, must be delivered at the above place at the time designated. Bids not enclosed in specially addressed envelopes will be considered informal and will not be opened.

The Township Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids on any or all items in the proposal; to increase or decrease or eliminate such items as may be necessary for the adoption of any alternate; to accept that which in its judgment best serves its interest; to waive any irregularities or irregularities in the bids received and to accept the bid from the lowest responsible bidder.

By order of the Township Council
Frank R. Donerick
Director of Community Development and Inspections

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT administers the Urban Mass Transportation Administration's Section 16(b)(2) Program in the State of New Jersey. The goal of the Section 16(b)(2) Program in the State of New Jersey is to provide capital assistance in meeting the transportation needs of senior and disabled persons where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT is now accepting applications from private non-profit organizations who wish to apply for a vehicle to transport senior and/or disabled residents within their community under this grant program. It is the intention to submit a fiscal year 1991 grant application to the federal government in the spring of this year. The total amount of federal dollars available under the grant is \$1,062,920.

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT encourages minority based organizations to apply for equipment under the Section 16(b)(2) Program. These private non-profit organizations wishing to receive an application can request an application by writing:

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Newark, New Jersey 07101
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Eligible organizations may request an application by telephone by calling (201) 643-4842.

The closing date for New Jersey Transit to accept applications is April 19, 1991.

PUBLIC NOTICE
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey is committed to providing opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) in the procurement of goods and services and advertising construction contracts. The Authority is seeking Minority Business Enterprises for the following goods and services:

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Minority Business Enterprise firms desiring to do business with the Woodbridge Housing Authority should send their business credentials and price list to:

John Szilagyi, Acting Executive Director
(908) 634-2750
c/o Woodbridge Housing Authority
10 Bunns Lane
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Newark Ward Commission will hold a special meeting on April 2 and 4, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 411 of the Hall of Records, 465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark, N.J. for the purpose of adopting a schedule of future meeting dates; establishing an appropriate list of newspapers for advertising said meetings and to review any proposals submitted by the community's citizens. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that formal action may be taken at this meeting.

Laurie Clark
Chairperson

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CITY SPORTS

Weequahic Indians right on track!

by Monty Dickinson

NEWARK — Our Weequahic Boys' and Girls' track teams had a vigorous indoor track season. They answered all calls of competition wherever they competed and were "right on track!"

The Boys' Team kicked off the season by winning the first meet at the Queen of Peace, Polarbear meet. They won almost every event on that cold and rainy day.

In the mountains of New York State, at West Point Military Academy, Regina Trotter won the 55-meter dash and placed second in the 300 meters. The 2-mile relay team placed fifth for the Bronze Medal and the "A" and "B" teams of the 800 meter relay teams places second and fourth, respectively; after a brief encounter with some of the New York teams.

Well, how was the conference championship? We disregarded those other schools? Why? In track and field your team is measured by the time you run, not the track meets you win and Weequahic placed third in the conference championships.

Continuing to answer the call of duty, the boys' 1-mile relay team ran the second fastest time in that event to qualify to run at the Meadowlands. On the night of

the Meadowlands relay, one of our runners fell in the third turn, got up, and still finished the race in a respectable time of 3-minutes and 30 seconds.

Ridgewood High School invited the track team to set their track on fire. The girls won the 55 meters, the 55-meter high hurdles and the 300 meters. The boys won the sophomore 55-meter dash, second in the 600 meters and second in the 300 meters and won the 1-mile relay.

Time to fight! Yes, it was! Essex County Individual Track Meet was a dual between Weequahic and East Side again. Jermaine Thompson was fourth in the 55-meter dash, Dinton Hart was second in the 400 meters; Keith Barker was third in the 400 meters; and Ali Roberts placed fifth. Bishara Abdul-Hamid was third in the 800 meters, and the 1-mile relay team walked away with another victory in that event. Regina Trotter won the 55-meter dash and the 400-meter dash, Sabrina Kennedy was second in the 55-meter hurdles. The girls were second in the 1-mile relay.

Again, "right on track" at the Meet of Champions, Regina Trotter was declared the best in the State in the 55-meter dash and second in the 400 meters. Keith Barker was sixth in the 400-meter dash. The girls' 1-mile relay re-

ceived a fourth place. Again, the boys won their 1-mile relay and stated its claim to be the best in the 1-mile relay team in the state!

The Eastern Track Meet is one of the biggest track meets on the Eastern coast. The boys' 800-meter relay team was second with Jermaine Thompson, Drayton Denson, Keith Barker and Ali Roberts. The 1-mile relay was third with Eddie Green, Bishara Abdul-Hamid, Dexter Barker and Dinton Hart.

The freshman team was also "right on track" and won every track meet that was entered on a relay basis and individual basis.

The staff congratulates all of the teams and their coaches; Head Boys Coach Mr. Sweeney, Head Girls Coach Mr. Carter, and Mr. Angelo Clark, Varsity Team members: Bishara Abdul-Hamid, Dinton Hart, Eddie Green, Dexter Barker, Jermaine Thompson, Drayton Denson, Keith Barker, Ali Roberts, Osmon Brinkley, Johnny Jordan, Naam Reynolds, and Jihad Shariff.

The Girls' Team: Regina Trotter, Sabrina Kennedy, Monique Cooper, Cecilia Alston, Kia Walker and Amiesha Foucha.

The Freshman Team: Rashon Shanks, Kokia Shanks, Julian Hines, Orville Chatman, M. Clements, Malik Jarrell and Heron Davis.

Newark tryout schedule for United States Youth Games

NEWARK—Officials of the Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) announced that the tryouts for the 1991 United States Youth Games will begin April 27, at various sites in the city.

The U.S. Youth Games will be held August 4-11, in Atlanta, Georgia, featuring delegations of youngsters from across the country.

All Newark boys and girls between the age of 9 through 15 are eligible to try out and compete in the following events: tennis, swimming, track and field, volleyball, bowling, and basketball. The Newark delegation to the Youth Games will consist of 78 young athletes.

The tryouts will be held at the John F. Kennedy (J.F.K.) Recreational Center, the Newark Y.M.W.C.A., Jesse Allen Park, Garden State Bowling Lanes and Garden State Stadium.

The tryout schedule is as follows:

Basketball, J.F.K.
(Boys Ages 12-15)—10:00 a.m.

Girls Ages 12-15—12:00 p.m.

April 27; May 4; May 11; May 18; May 25; June 1

Tennis, Jesse Allen Park
(Boys & Girls Ages 12-15)
12:00 p.m.

April 27; May 4; May 11; May 18; May 25; June 1

Volleyball, YMWCA
(Boys & Girls Ages 13-15)
10:00 a.m.

April 27; May 4; May 11; May 18; May 25; June 1

Track & Field, School Stadium
(Boys & Girls Ages 10-15)
9 a.m. (4 p.m. May 10)

May 10; June 8; June 22; June 29

Swimming, YMWCA
(Boys & Girls Ages 9-15)
10:00 a.m.

April 27; May 4; May 11; May 18; May 25; June 1

Bowling, Garden State Bowling
(Boys & Girls Ages 9-15)
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Mayors speak out in support census suit

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have the right to continue the litigation and obtain a court order that the census be corrected.

"In America when you become counted you become important from both a financial and political standpoint. The census has made urban America become unimportant. Mayor Dinkins of New York spearheaded this movement in America to be counted accurately. The purpose of the lawsuit filed in New York

is to force census to modify present numbers. I am proud to wholeheartedly support and endorse the lawsuit which has been joined by many cities across this country. We must be counted or we will continue to be left out. Mayors W. Wilson Goode of Philadelphia, Sharpe James of Newark, Michael Steele of Irvington, and Douglas Palmer of Trenton, also joined Mayor Dinkins.

Sacrifice, struggle and new era for Haiti

(Continued from page 1)

city, Adrien returned to his native land in 1986 to help build that movement after spending 16 years in the United States as an activist in the refugee support community.

Haiti is hoping to increase co-operation with the U.S. on drug interdiction and to curtail the number of Haitian refugees fleeing by boat to the U.S.

"Since February 1990 not one boat has left Haitian shores," Father Adrien told the NNPA during a recent interview. He stressed

that a new hope has replaced the desperation that forced Haitians to flee by the thousands each year.

Haiti is interested in working with the U.S. to obtain the release of Haitian refugees detained by U.S. immigration at the Chrome Detention Center where they are being held as illegal immigrants. Adrien predicts that the refugee problem will lessen as democracy begins to flourish in Haiti.

"Haitian people have fought for 200 years" said Adrien. "They

are hungry, even more than for food, they are hungry for justice and participation."

Haiti is ranked as one of the world's poorest nations and its previous rulers—Francoise "Papa Doc" Duvalier and his son Jean Claude "baby Doc" Duvalier—were both cited for widespread human rights abuses and corruption. Much of Haiti's wealth is suspected to have been stolen by officials during the Duvaliers' reign and during the period which followed in the late 1980s.

"The U.S. has pledged support in helping us to bear down heavily on crooks who have bankrupted our nation, literally emptying our treasury" said Adrien. "Some say we are preoccupied with corruption. But I say it is a very good preoccupation."

Currently the U.S. has no extradition treaty with Haiti. Individuals wanted by Haiti can flee to the U.S. with no fear of prosecution. An extradition treaty would ensure that suspected criminals could be returned to Haiti to stand trial.

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